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### Seven high school teams compete in Louisiana Envirothon

BATON ROUGE - The Louisiana Envirothon competition was held April 12 at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Cade Farm south of Lafayette. Seven teams competed for a chance to go to the Canon Envirothon in Flagstaff, Arizona in July. The Canon Envirothon is a multidisciplinary and environmental problem-solving competition.

The Louisiana competition is centered on testing categories; soil and land use, aquatic ecology, forestry, wildlife and a current environmental issue. The teams participate in an oral presentation on an environmental problem. This year's problem was the recreational impacts on the natural environment. The teams that participated were Acadiana Home School, Audubon Zoo Marsupials, Audubon Zoo Echidnas, Cameron Parish 4-H, Louisiana School for Math, Sciences and the Arts, Parkview Baptist Eagles and Zachary High.

Acadiana Home School won the competition and the station awards for wildlife, soils, and aquatics. Second place team was Audubon Zoo Marsupials and the third place team was from the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts. LSMSA also took first place in current issues. At the Canon Envirothon, Acadiana Home School will compete for recognition and scholarships with winners from across the U.S. and Canadian provinces. Teams will be judged on their knowledge of environmental science and natural resource management.

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality provides resources and personnel for the Envirothon, which was sponsored by the Canon USA, Alcoa, Louisiana Departments of Wildlife & Fisheries, Agriculture and Forestry and Natural Resources, U.S. Forest Service, Cheniere Energy, LA Association of Conservation Districts, AWMA & LEHA, Governor's Office of Environmental Education and the Louisiana Environmental Education Committee.

If you would be interested in competing in/or sponsoring next year's competition, call 225-219-3265 or visit the DEQ website at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/envirothon>.

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